

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An image data output apparatus comprises:

a data obtaining section for sequentially obtaining a plurality of image data representative of a plurality of images;

a data editing section for performing a layout processing that images represented by the image data sequentially obtained by said data obtaining section are disposed in order of obtaining of the image data as many as possible on a maximum size of sheet of a plurality of predetermined sizes of sheets, and editing image data representative of images disposed as many as possible on the maximum size of one sheet so that the image data become image data representative of whole images to be recorded on the one sheet;

a sheet selection section for automatically selecting from among the plurality of predetermined sizes of sheets a minimum size of sheet capable of recording the whole images represented by image data edited by said data editing section; and

a data output section for outputting the image data edited by said data editing section together with data representative of a size of a sheet onto which the whole images represented by the image data are recorded,

wherein the layout processing is automatically performed based on a setting for a margin size of an edge portion of the one sheet and a setting for an interval size between images on the one sheet.

2-8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended): An image data output apparatus comprising:

a data obtaining section which obtains image data representative of a plurality of images;

a data editing section which arranges said image data on a maximum size of a sheet of a plurality of predetermined sizes of sheets, wherein a maximum number of said plurality of images are arranged on the sheet, and wherein said image data represents maximum sizes of said plurality of images;

a sheet selection section which automatically selects from among the plurality of predetermined sizes of sheets a minimum size sheet capable of recording said plurality of images represented by said image data; and

a data output section which outputs said image data onto the minimum size sheet,
wherein the data editing section arranges the image data automatically based on a setting for a margin size of an edge portion of the one sheet, and a setting for an interval size between images on the one sheet.

10-18. (cancelled)